

Under One Roof Conference
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Privileged Places

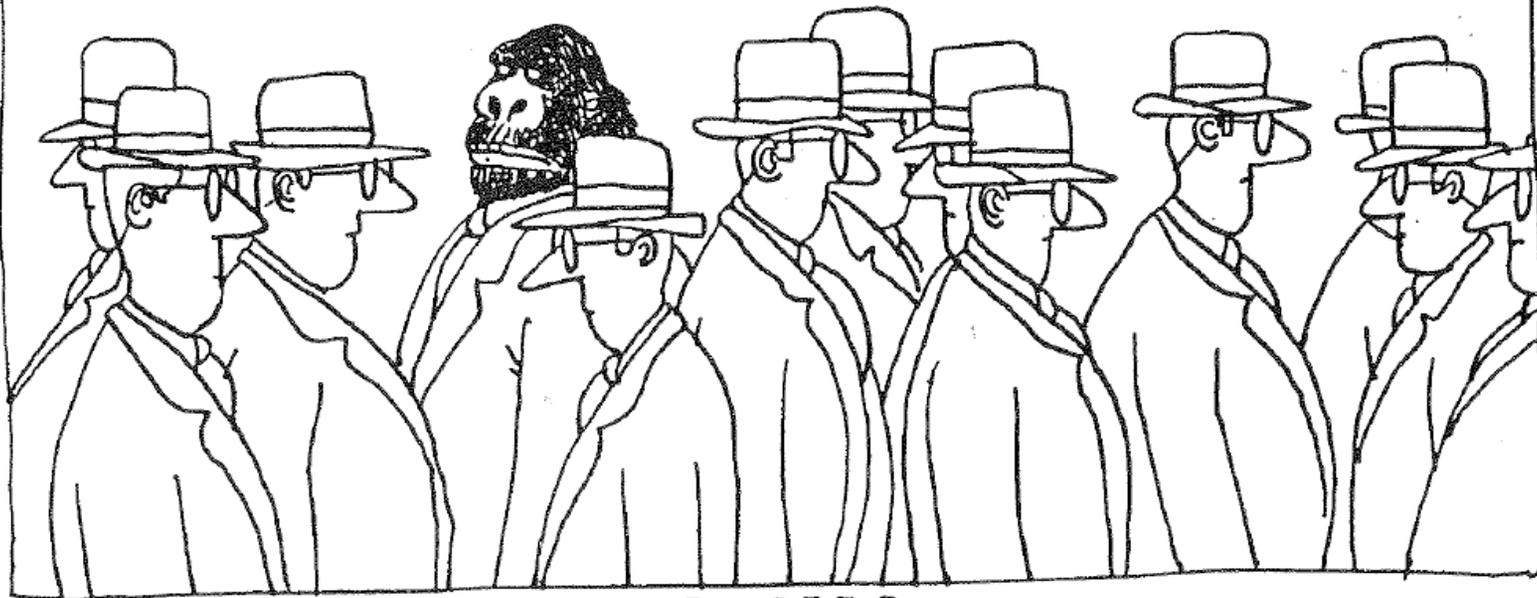
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“Real estate mantra tells us that three factors determine the market value of a home: location, location and location. The same could be said about the factors that determine the good life and people’s access to it in metropolitan America...”

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ALWAYS HIDE IN A PLACE WHERE
THERE ARE A LOT OF THE SAME THINGS.

Fig. 1



WRONG

ROUTE 128: BOSTON'S ROAD TO SEGREGATION

The report recommends that Federal and State Government subsidies to suburban communities be made contingent upon those communities developing nondiscriminatory housing, employment, and land use policies. The report recommends that local constraints over housing and land use be regulated by the State in the interest of all the citizens of the region. We call for an effective State planning body, machinery to regulate land transactions, and the creation of one or more metropolitan development corporations with broad powers to acquire and develop land. We call for regional housing authorities and an effective State financial assistance program.

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At the end of the 1960's, it was not uncommon for leaders in the Greater Boston academic community to assert that greater racial integration in Boston's suburbs would occur. More recent census data have shown this not to be the case. At the end of the 1960's, it was also suggested by some experts that discrimination in sales and rental of housing was of diminishing importance in shaping residential patterns. No evidence exists that such discrimination has declined anywhere in the Greater Boston Area. If anything, the records of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) and the Boston Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) show that discriminatory housing practices are on the rise throughout the area and are of a more complex and comprehensive nature than was previously evident.